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Amendments to the Claims:

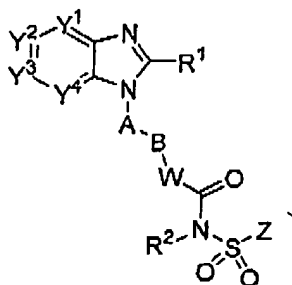
Claims 1-12 (Canceled)

Claims 13-25 (Canceled)

26. (Canceled)

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28. (Currently Amended~~New~~) A method for the treatment of a disorder or condition mediated by ~~an EP4 receptor~~ in a mammalian subject including a human, wherein the disorder or condition is selected from pain, inflammation, an inflammation associated disorder, osteoarthritis, and rheumatoid arthritis, said method comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of the following formula:



(I)

or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein

one of: Y<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>2</sup>, Y<sup>3</sup> and Y<sup>4</sup> is N and the others are independently selected from CH and C(L);

R<sup>1</sup> is H, C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-8</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-8</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub> alkoxy, halo-substituted C<sub>1-8</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl-S(O)<sub>m</sub>-, Q<sup>1</sup>-, pyrrolidinyl, piperidyl, oxopyrrolidinyl, oxopiperidyl, amino, mono- or di-(C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl)amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-C(=O)-N(R<sup>3</sup>)- or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-S(O)<sub>m</sub>-N(R<sup>3</sup>)-, wherein said C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-8</sub> alkenyl

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and C<sub>2-8</sub> alkynyl are optionally substituted with halo, C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl, hydroxy, oxo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-S(O)m-, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl-, cyano, indanyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthyl, 1,2-dihydronaphthyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidyl, oxopyrrolidinyl, oxopiperidyl, Q<sup>1</sup>-, Q<sup>1</sup>-C(=O)-, Q<sup>1</sup>-O-, Q<sup>1</sup>-S(O)m-, Q<sup>1</sup>-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-O-, Q<sup>1</sup>-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-S(O)m-, Q<sup>1</sup>-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-C(O)-N(R<sup>3</sup>)-, Q<sup>1</sup>-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-N(R<sup>3</sup>)- or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-C(O)-N(R<sup>3</sup>)-;

Q<sup>1</sup> is a 5-12 membered monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic ring optionally containing up to 4 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, and is optionally substituted with halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylthio, nitro, amino, mono- or di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, cyano, HO-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylC(=O)-, HO(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-O(O=)C-, R<sup>3</sup>N(R<sup>4</sup>)C(=O)-, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonylamino, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, R<sup>3</sup>C(=O)N(R<sup>4</sup>)- or NH<sub>2</sub>(HN=)C-;

A is a 5-6 membered monocyclic aromatic ring optionally containing up to 3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, wherein said 5-6 membered monocyclic aromatic ring is optionally substituted with up to 3 substituents selected from halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylthio, nitro, amino, mono- or di-(C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl)amino, cyano, HO-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, acetyl, R<sup>3</sup>N(R<sup>4</sup>)C(=O)-, HO(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-O(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonylamino, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, R<sup>3</sup>C(=O)N(R<sup>4</sup>)- and NH<sub>2</sub>(HN=)C-;

B is halo-substituted C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylene, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkylene, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenylene, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynylene, -O-C<sub>1-5</sub> alkylene, C<sub>1-2</sub> alkylene-O-C<sub>1-2</sub> alkylene or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylene optionally substituted with an oxo group or C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl;

W is NH, N-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, O, S, N-OR<sup>5</sup> or a covalent bond;

R<sup>2</sup> is H, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, OH or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy;

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Z is a 5-12 membered monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic ring optionally containing up to 3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, wherein said 5-12 membered monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic ring is optionally substituted with halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkynyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylthio, nitro, amino, mono- or di-(C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl)amino, cyano, HO-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylC(=O)-, R<sup>3</sup>C(=O)N(R<sup>4</sup>)-, HO(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-O(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonylamino, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, NH<sub>2</sub>(HN=)C-, Q<sup>2</sup>-S(O)<sub>m</sub>-, Q<sup>2</sup>-O-, Q<sup>2</sup>-N(R<sup>3</sup>)- or Q<sup>2</sup>;

L is halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylthio, nitro, amino, mono- or di-(C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl)amino, cyano, HO-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylC(=O)-, HO(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-O(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonylamino, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, R<sup>3</sup>C(=O)N(R<sup>4</sup>)-, NH<sub>2</sub>(HN=)C-, R<sup>3</sup>N(R<sup>4</sup>)C(=O)-, R<sup>3</sup>N(R<sup>4</sup>)S(O)<sub>m</sub>-, Q<sup>2</sup>-, Q<sup>2</sup>-C(=O)-, Q<sup>2</sup>-O-, Q<sup>2</sup>-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-O-, or two adjacent L groups are optionally joined together to form an alkylene chain having 3 or 4 members in which one or two (non-adjacent) carbon atoms are optionally replaced by oxygen atoms;

m is 0, 1 or 2;

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are independently selected from H and C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>5</sup> is H, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-(O=)C- or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-O-(O=)C-; and

Q<sup>2</sup> is a 5-12 membered monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic ring, or a 5-12 membered tricyclic ring optionally containing up to 3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, wherein said 5-12 membered monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic ring is optionally substituted with halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkynyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylthio, nitro, amino, mono- or di-(C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl)amino, cyano, HO-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy-C<sub>1-</sub>

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4alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl- (O=)C-, R<sup>3</sup>(R<sup>4</sup>)C(=O)N-, HO(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-O(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonylamino, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-C(=O)NH- or NH<sub>2</sub>(HN=)C-.

29. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 28, wherein

one of Y<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>2</sup>, Y<sup>3</sup>, and Y<sup>4</sup> is N and the others are independently selected from CH and C(L);

R<sup>1</sup> is H, C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-8</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-8</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub> alkoxy, halo-substituted C<sub>1-8</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl-S(O)m-, Q<sup>1</sup>-, pyrrolidinyl, piperidyl, oxopyrrolidinyl, oxopiperidyl, amino, mono- or di-(C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl)amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-C(=O)-N(R<sup>3</sup>)- or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-S(O)m-N(R<sup>3</sup>)-, wherein said C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-8</sub> alkenyl and C<sub>2-8</sub> alkynyl are optionally substituted with halo, C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl, hydroxy, oxo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-S(O)m-, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl-, cyano, indanyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthyl, 1,2-dihydronaphthyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidyl, oxopyrrolidinyl, oxopiperidyl, Q<sup>1</sup>-, Q<sup>1</sup>-C(=O)-, Q<sup>1</sup>-O-, Q<sup>1</sup>-S(O)m-, Q<sup>1</sup>-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-O-, Q<sup>1</sup>-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-S(O)m-, Q<sup>1</sup>-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-C(=O)-N(R<sup>3</sup>)-, or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-C(=O)-N(R<sup>3</sup>)-;

Q<sup>1</sup> is a 5-12 membered monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic ring optionally containing up to 4 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, and is optionally substituted with halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylthio, nitro, amino, mono- or di-(C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl)amino, cyano, HO-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylC(=O)-, HO(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-O(O)C-, R<sup>3</sup>N(R<sup>4</sup>)C(=O)-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonylamino, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, R<sup>3</sup>C(=O)N(R<sup>4</sup>)- or NH<sub>2</sub>(HN=)C-;

A is a 5-6 membered monocyclic aromatic ring optionally containing up to 2 heteroatoms selected from O, N, and S, wherein said 5-6 membered monocyclic aromatic ring is optionally substituted with up to 2 substituents selected from halo,

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C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy and halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy;

B is C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkylene or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylene optionally substituted with an oxo group or C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl;

W is NH, N-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, O or N-OH;

R<sup>2</sup> is H or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

Z is a 5-12 membered monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic ring optionally containing up to 3 heteroatoms selected from, N and S, wherein said 5-12 membered monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic ring is optionally substituted with halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, ~~C<sub>1-2</sub>~~<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkynyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, nitro, amino, cyano, HO-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylC(=O)-, R<sup>3</sup>C(=O)N(R<sup>4</sup>)-, HO(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-O(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-C(=O)NH-, Q<sup>2</sup>-S(O)<sub>m</sub>-, Q<sup>2</sup>-O-, Q<sup>2</sup>-N(R<sup>3</sup>)- or Q<sup>2</sup>-;

L is halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, mono- or di-(C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl)amino, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, cyano, HO-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylC(=O)-, HO(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-O(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonylamino, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, R<sup>3</sup>C(=O)N(R<sup>4</sup>)-, R<sup>3</sup>N(R<sup>4</sup>)C(=O)-, R<sup>3</sup>N(R<sup>4</sup>)S(O)<sub>m</sub>-, Q<sup>2</sup>-, Q<sup>2</sup>-C(=O)-, Q<sup>2</sup>-O-, Q<sup>2</sup>-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-O-, or two adjacent L groups are optionally joined together to form an alkylene chain having 3 or 4 members in which one or two (non-adjacent) carbon atoms are optionally replaced by oxygen atoms;

m is 0 or 2;

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are independently selected from H and C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; and

Q<sup>2</sup> is a 5-12 membered monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic ring, or a 8-12 membered tricyclic ring optionally containing up to 3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, wherein said 5-12 membered monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic ring is optionally substituted with halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>

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alkynyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylthio, mono- or di-(C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl)amino, cyano, HO-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-(O=)C-, R<sup>3</sup>(R<sup>4</sup>)C(=O)N-, HO(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-O(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonylamino, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-C(=O)NH-.

30. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 29, wherein

one of Y<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>2</sup>, Y<sup>3</sup>, and Y<sup>4</sup> is N and the others are independently selected from CH and C(L);

R<sup>1</sup> is H, C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-8</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-8</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, Q<sup>1</sup>-, pyrrolidinyl, piperidyl, oxopyrrolidinyl, oxopiperidyl, amino, mono- or di-(C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl)amino, wherein said C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl is optionally substituted with halo, C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl, hydroxy, oxo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-S(O)m-, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl-, cyano, indanyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidyl, oxopyrrolidinyl, oxopiperidyl, Q<sup>1</sup>-, Q<sup>1</sup>-C(O)-, Q<sup>1</sup>-O-, Q<sup>1</sup>-S-, Q<sup>1</sup>-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-O-, or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-C(O)-N(R<sup>3</sup>)-;

Q<sup>1</sup> is a 5-12 membered monocyclic aromatic ring optionally containing up to 4 heteroatoms selected from N and S, and is optionally substituted with halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl and C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylC(=O)-;

A is 5-6 membered monocyclic aromatic ring optionally substituted with halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy;

B is C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkylene or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylene optionally substituted with an oxo group or C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl;

W is NH, N-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, O or N-OH;

R<sup>2</sup> is H or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

Z is 5-12 membered monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic ring optionally containing up to 3 heteroatoms selected from, N and S, wherein said 5-12 membered monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic ring is optionally substituted with halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, halo-

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substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, nitro, amino, cyano, R<sup>3</sup>C(=O)N(R<sup>4</sup>)-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-O(O=)C-, Q<sup>2</sup>-S(O)<sub>m</sub>-, Q<sup>2</sup>-O-, Q<sup>2</sup>-N(R<sup>3</sup>)- or Q<sup>2</sup>-; L is halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, mono- or di-(C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl)amino, cyano, HO-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylC(=O)-, HO(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-O(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonylamino, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, R<sup>3</sup>C(=O)N(R<sup>4</sup>)-, R<sup>3</sup>N(R<sup>4</sup>)C(=O)-, R<sup>3</sup>N(R<sup>4</sup>)S(O)<sub>m</sub>-, Q<sup>2</sup>-, Q<sup>2</sup>-C(=O)-, Q<sup>2</sup>-O-, Q<sup>2</sup>-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-O-, or two adjacent L groups are optionally joined together to form an alkylene chain having 3 or 4 members in which one or two (non-adjacent) carbon atoms are optionally replaced by oxygen atoms;

m is 0 or 2;

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are independently selected from H and C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; and

Q<sup>2</sup> is a 5 or 6 membered monocyclic aromatic ring, or a 8-12 membered tricyclic ring containing up to 3 heteroatoms selected from N and S, wherein said 5 or 6 membered monocyclic aromatic ring is optionally substituted with halo.

31. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 30, wherein

one of Y<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>2</sup>, Y<sup>3</sup> and Y<sup>4</sup> is N and the others are independently selected from CH and C(L);

R<sup>1</sup> is H, C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-8</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-8</sub> alkynyl or C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, wherein said C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl is optionally substituted with halo, C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl, hydroxy, oxo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-S(O)<sub>m</sub>-, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl-, cyano, indanyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidyl, oxopyrrolidinyl, oxopiperidyl, Q<sup>1</sup>-, Q<sup>1</sup>-C(=O)-, Q<sup>1</sup>-O-, Q<sup>1</sup>-S-, Q<sup>1</sup>-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-O-, or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-C(O)-N(R<sup>3</sup>)-;

Q<sup>1</sup> is a 5 or 6 membered monocyclic aromatic ring optionally containing up to 4 heteroatoms selected from N and S;

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A is 5-6 membered monocyclic aromatic ring system optionally substituted with halo or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

B is C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkylene or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylene optionally substituted with an oxo group or C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl;

W is NH, N-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, O or N-OH;

R<sup>2</sup> is H or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

Z is 5-12 membered monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic ring optionally containing up to 3 heteroatoms selected from N and S, wherein said 5-12 membered monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic ring is optionally substituted with halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, nitro, amino, cyano,

R<sup>3</sup>C(=O)N(R<sup>4</sup>)-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-O(O=)C-, Q<sup>2</sup>-S(O)<sub>m</sub>-, Q<sup>2</sup>-O-, Q<sup>2</sup>-N(R<sup>3</sup>)- or Q<sup>2</sup>-;

L is halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, cyano, HO-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylC(=O), HO(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-O(O=)C-, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonylamino, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, R<sup>3</sup>C(=O)NR<sup>4</sup>-, R<sup>3</sup>N(R<sup>4</sup>)C(=O)-, R<sup>3</sup>N(R<sup>4</sup>)S(O)<sub>m</sub>-, Q<sup>2</sup>-, Q<sup>2</sup>-C(=O)-, Q<sup>2</sup>-O-, Q<sup>2</sup>-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-O-, or two adjacent L groups are optionally joined together to form an alkylene chain having 3 or 4 members in which one or two (non-adjacent) carbon atoms are optionally replaced by oxygen atoms;

m is 0 or 2;

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are independently selected from H and C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; and

Q<sup>2</sup> is 5 or 6 membered monocyclic aromatic ring or a 8-12 membered tricyclic ring optionally containing 1 sulfur atom wherein said 5 or 6 membered monocyclic aromatic ring is optionally substituted with halo.

32. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 31, wherein

one of Y<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>2</sup>, Y<sup>3</sup> and Y<sup>4</sup> is N and the others are independently selected from CH and C(L);



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R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1-5</sub> alkyl or C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, wherein said C<sub>1-5</sub> alkyl is optionally substituted with C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl, hydroxy, oxo, pyrrolidinyl, piperidyl, oxopyrrolidinyl, oxopiperidyl, Q<sup>1</sup>-, or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-C(O)-N(H)-;

Q<sup>1</sup> is 5-12 membered monocyclic aromatic ring system optionally containing up to 2 heteroatoms selected from N and S,

A is 5-6 membered monocyclic aromatic ring system;

B is C<sub>1-3</sub> alkylene optionally substituted with C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl;

W is NH, N-C<sub>1-2</sub> alkyl or O;

R<sup>2</sup> is H;

Z is 5-12 membered monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic ring optionally containing up to 3 heteroatoms selected from N and S, wherein said 5-12 membered monocyclic aromatic ring is optionally substituted with halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, nitro, R<sup>3</sup>C(=O)N(R<sup>4</sup>)- or Q<sup>2</sup>-;

L is halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, halo-substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, cyano, HO-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, acetyl, R<sup>3</sup>N(R<sup>4</sup>)C(=O)-, R<sup>3</sup>N(R<sup>4</sup>)S(O)<sub>m</sub>-, Q<sup>2</sup>-, Q<sup>2</sup>-C(=O)-, or two adjacent L groups are joined together to form a methylenedioxy group;

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are independently selected from H and C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; and

Q<sup>2</sup> is 5 or 6 membered monocyclic aromatic ring system.

33. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 32, wherein

one of Y<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>2</sup>, Y<sup>3</sup> and Y<sup>4</sup> is N and the others are independently selected from CH and C(L);

R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1-5</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl, hydroxy, oxo, 5 or 6 membered monocyclic aromatic ring, wherein said 5 or 6 membered monocyclic aromatic ring is containing 1 or 2 heteroatoms selected from N and S, or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-C(O)-N(R<sup>3</sup>)-;

A is phenyl;

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B is C<sub>1-2</sub> alkylene optionally substituted with methyl;

W is NH, N-CH<sub>3</sub> or O;

R<sup>2</sup> is H;

Z is 5-10 membered monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic ring optionally containing up to 3 heteroatoms selected from N and S, wherein said 5-10 membered monocyclic aromatic ring is optionally substituted with chloro, bromo, methyl, nitro, CH<sub>3</sub>C(=O)NH-, tBuC(=O)NH- or phenyl; and

L is chloro, methyl, ~~trifluoromethyl~~ trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, methoxy, cyano, acetyl, -C(=O)NH<sub>2</sub>, ~~trifluoro~~trifluoromethoxy, methanesulfonyl, or 1-hydroxy-1-methyl-ethyl, or two adjacent L groups are joined together to form a methylenedioxy group.

34. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 33, wherein

one of Y<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>2</sup>, Y<sup>3</sup> and Y<sup>4</sup> is N and the others are independently selected from CH and C(L);

R<sup>1</sup> is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, neopentyl, thiazolylethyl methylamino, dimethylamino, pyrrolidinyl, pyridyl, or 1-acetylamino-1-methylethyl;

A is phenyl;

B is ethylene or propylene;

W is NH, N-CH<sub>3</sub> or O;

R<sup>2</sup> is H;

Z is phenyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, thienyl, naphthyl or benzothienyl, said phenyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl and thienyl being optionally substituted with one to three substituents independently selected from chloro, bromo, methyl, acetylamino, pivaloylamino, nitro and phenyl; and

L is chloro, methyl, ~~trifluoromethyl~~ trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, methoxy, cyano, acetyl, -C(=O)NH<sub>2</sub>, ~~trifluoro~~trifluoromethoxy, methanesulfonyl, or 1-hydroxy-1-methyl-ethyl, or two adjacent L groups are joined together to form a methylenedioxy group.

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35. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 34, wherein

Y<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>2</sup>, Y<sup>3</sup> and Y<sup>4</sup> are selected from the group consisting of

- a) Y<sup>1</sup> and Y<sup>3</sup> are C(L), Y<sup>2</sup> is CH and Y<sup>4</sup> is N;
- b) Y<sup>1</sup> is CH, Y<sup>2</sup> and Y<sup>3</sup> are C(L) and Y<sup>4</sup> is N;
- c) Y<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>2</sup> and Y<sup>3</sup> are C(L) and Y<sup>4</sup> is N;
- d) Y<sup>1</sup> and Y<sup>3</sup> are C(L), Y<sup>2</sup> is N and Y<sup>4</sup> is CH;
- e) Y<sup>1</sup> and Y<sup>2</sup> are CH, Y<sup>3</sup> is C(L) and Y<sup>4</sup> is N;
- f) Y<sup>1</sup> and Y<sup>3</sup> are CH, Y<sup>2</sup> is C(L) and Y<sup>4</sup> is N;
- g) Y<sup>1</sup> and Y<sup>2</sup> are C(L), Y<sup>3</sup> is CH and Y<sup>4</sup> is N;
- h) Y<sup>1</sup> and Y<sup>2</sup> are C(L), Y<sup>3</sup> is N and Y<sup>4</sup> is CH;
- i) Y<sup>1</sup> is C(L), Y<sup>2</sup> and Y<sup>3</sup> are CH, and Y<sup>4</sup> is N; and
- j) Y<sup>2</sup> is C(L), Y<sup>1</sup> and Y<sup>3</sup> are CH, and Y<sup>4</sup> is N;

R<sup>1</sup> is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, neopentyl, thiazolylethyl, methylamino, dimethylamino, pyrrolidinyl, pyridyl, or 1-acetylamino-1-methylethyl;

A is phenyl;

B is ethylene or propylene;

W is NH, N-CH<sub>3</sub> or O;

R<sup>2</sup> is H;

Z is phenyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, thienyl, naphthyl or benzothienyl, said phenyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl and thienyl being optionally substituted with one to three substituents independently selected from chloro, bromo, methyl, acetylamino, pivaloylamino, nitro and phenyl; and

L is chloro, methyl, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, methoxy, cyano, acetyl, -C(=O)NH<sub>2</sub>, trifluoromethyloxy, methanesulfonyl, or 1-hydroxy-1-methyl-ethyl, or two adjacent

L groups are joined together to form a methylenedioxy group.

36. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 35, wherein

Y<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>2</sup>, Y<sup>3</sup> and Y<sup>4</sup> are selected from the group consisting of

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a) Y<sup>1</sup> and Y<sup>3</sup> are C(L), Y<sup>2</sup> is CH and Y<sup>4</sup> is N;

b) Y<sup>1</sup> is CH, Y<sup>2</sup> and Y<sup>3</sup> are C(L) and Y<sup>4</sup> is N;

c) Y<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>2</sup> and Y<sup>3</sup> are C(L) and Y<sup>4</sup> is N; and

d) Y<sup>1</sup> and Y<sup>3</sup> are C(L), Y<sup>2</sup> is N and Y<sup>4</sup> is CH;

R<sup>1</sup> is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, neopentyl, thiazolyethyl, methylamino, dimethylamino, pyrrolidinyl, pyridyl, or 1-acetylamino-1-methylethyl;

A is phenyl;

B is ethylene or propylene;

W is NH, N-CH<sub>3</sub> or O;

R<sup>2</sup> is H;

Z is phenyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, thienyl, naphthyl or benzothienyl, said phenyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl and thienyl being optionally substituted with one to three substituents independently selected from chloro, bromo, methyl, acetylamino, pivaloylamino, nitro and phenyl; and

L is chloro, methyl, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, methoxy, cyano, acetyl, -C(=O)NH<sub>2</sub>, trifluoromethyloxy, methanesulfonyl, or 1-hydroxy-1-methyl-ethyl, or two adjacent L groups are joined together to form a methylenedioxy group.

37. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 28 wherein the compound is selected from

3-(4-{2-[(5-chloro-1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]ethyl} phenyl)-2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine;

3-(4-{2-[(2,4-dimethyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]ethyl} phenyl)-2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine;

N-[5-({2-[(4-(2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-3-yl)phenyl]ethyl)amino}carbonyl)amino]sulfonyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]acetamide;

2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3-(4-{2-[methyl({(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]ethyl} phenyl)-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine;

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- 2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3-(4-{2-[[[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]propyl}phenyl)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 2-[4-(2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridin-3-yl)phenyl]-1-methylethyl (4-methylphenyl)sulfonylcarbamate;
- 5,7-dimethyl-3-(4-{2-[[[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-propyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 2-isopropyl-5,7-dimethyl-3-(4-{2-[[[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 2-butyl-5,7-dimethyl-3-(4-{2-[[[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 2-isobutyl-5,7-dimethyl-3-(4-{2-[[[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 5,7-dimethyl-3-(4-{2-[[[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-neopentyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 5,7-dimethyl-3-(4-{2-[[[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-[2-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)ethyl]-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 3-{4-[2-([[(4-biphenylsulfonyl)amino]carbonyl]amino)ethyl]phenyl}-2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3-{4-[2-([[(1-naphthyl)sulfonyl]amino]carbonyl]amino)ethyl]phenyl}-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3-{4-[2-([[(2-naphthyl)sulfonyl]amino]carbonyl]amino)ethyl]phenyl}-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3-(4-{2-[[[(2-thienyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;

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- 3-(4-{2-[[[(5-chloro-2-thienyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 3-(4-{2-[[[(4,5-dichloro-2-thienyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 3-{4-[2-[[[(1-benzothien-2-yl)sulfonyl]amino]carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl}-2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 3-(4-{2-[[[(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 2-ethyl-5,6-dimethyl-3-(4-{2-[[[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 5,6-dichloro-2-ethyl-3-(4-{2-[[[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 5-chloro-2-ethyl-7-methyl-3-(4-{2-[[[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 6-cyano-2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3-(4-{2-[[[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 2-ethyl-4,6-dimethyl-1-(4-{2-[[[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridine;
- 2-ethyl-3-{4-[2-[[[(3-hydroxy(oxido)amino]phenyl)sulfonyl]amino]carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl}-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 3-(4-{2-[[[(4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- n*-[4-[[[(2-[4-(2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridin-3-yl)phenyl]ethyl]amino)carbonyl]amino]sulfonyl]phenyl]-2,2-dimethylpropanamide;

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3-(4-{2-[[{[(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;

3-(4-{2-[[{[(3-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;

3-(4-{2-[[{[(5-chloro-2-thienyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;

3-(4-{2-[[{[(5-bromo-2-thienyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;

3-(4-{2-[[{[(2-bromophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;

3-{4-[2-({[(4-chloro-3-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl]amino)ethyl}phenyl}-2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;

2-[4-(2-ethyl-4,6-dimethyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-1-yl)phenyl]ethyl (4-methylphenyl)sulfonylcarbamate;

2-[4-(5,7-dimethyl-2-(methylamino)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridin-3-yl)phenyl]ethyl (4-methylphenyl)sulfonylcarbamate;

*N*-{[(2-{4-[5,7-dimethyl-2-(methylamino)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridin-3-yl]phenyl}ethyl)amino]carbonyl}-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide;

*N*-{[(2-{4-(2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridin-3-yl)phenyl}ethyl)amino]carbonyl}-2-thiophenesulfonamide;

2-[4-(4,6-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-1-yl)phenyl]ethyl (4-methylphenyl)sulfonylcarbamate;

2-[4-(2-butyl-4,6-dimethyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-1-yl)phenyl]ethyl (4-methylphenyl)sulfonylcarbamate;

2-[4-[4,6-dimethyl-2-(3-phenylpropyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-1-yl]phenyl]ethyl (4-methylphenyl)sulfonylcarbamate;

*N*-{[(2-{4-[5,7-dimethyl-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridin-3-yl]phenyl}ethyl)amino]carbonyl}-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide;

2-[4-[2-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4,6-dimethyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-1-yl]phenyl]ethyl (4-methylphenyl)sulfonylcarbamate; and

salts thereof.

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38. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 28 wherein the compound is selected from

- 2-[4-(2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridin-3-yl)phenyl]-1-methylethyl (4-methylphenyl)sulfonylcarbamate;
- 5,7-dimethyl-3-(4-{2-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-[2-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)ethyl]-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3-(4-{2-[(2-thienyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]ethyl}phenyl)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 3-(4-{2-[(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 2-ethyl-5,6-dimethyl-3-(4-{2-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]ethyl}phenyl)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 5,6-dichloro-2-ethyl-3-(4-{2-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]ethyl}phenyl)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine;
- 2-ethyl-4,6-dimethyl-1-(4-{2-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]ethyl}phenyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridine;
- 2-[4-(2-ethyl-4,6-dimethyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-1-yl)phenyl]ethyl (4-methylphenyl)sulfonylcarbamate;
- 2-{4-[5,7-dimethyl-2-(methylamino)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridin-3-yl]phenyl}ethyl (4-methylphenyl)sulfonylcarbamate;
- N*-{[(2-{4-[5,7-dimethyl-2-(methylamino)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridin-3-yl]phenyl}ethyl)amino]carbonyl}-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide;
- N*-[(2-{4-(2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridin-3-yl)phenyl}ethyl)amino]carbonyl)-2-thiophenesulfonamide;
- 2-[4-(4,6-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-1-yl)phenyl]ethyl (4-methylphenyl)sulfonylcarbamate;



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2-[4-(2-butyl-4,6-dimethyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-1-yl)phenyl]ethyl (4-methylphenyl)sulfonylcarbamate;  
2-{4-[4,6-dimethyl-2-(3-phenylpropyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-1-yl]phenyl}ethyl (4-methylphenyl)sulfonylcarbamate;  
*N*-{[(2-{4-[5,7-dimethyl-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridin-3-yl]phenyl}ethyl)amino]carbonyl}-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide;  
2-{4-[2-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4,6-dimethyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-1-yl]phenyl}ethyl (4-methylphenyl)sulfonylcarbamate; and  
salts thereof.

39. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 28 wherein the compound is  
2-ethyl-4,6-dimethyl-1-(4-{2-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}  
carboxylcarbonyl)amino]ethyl}phenyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.